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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

TAKAO YONEHARA, et al.

Application No.: 10/059,171

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
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Examiner: J. A. Dudek

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 26, 2003,

Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to

9. The Restriction Requirement is, however, traversed.

Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining two groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be an undue burden in examining the claims of Groups I and II in a single application, since the two groups of claims are not

so different as would require a burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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